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18 November 1958

STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 13 November 1958

Personnel Present: Mr. Bissell
Col. Burke

Mr. Cunningham

Col. Geary

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There was extensive discussion of the various factors, operational and political, bearing on a proposal to conduct a fairly lengthy staging operation utilizing [redacted] as a base of operations. Mr. Bissell said that before any firm conclusion is reached on the timing of such an operation, he would like to have Ops' view on such matters as weather and sun angle; PIC's views on whether or not they desire snow cover to work from; and General Cabell's views. Another consideration is the availability of personnel, particularly LAC, in this period of transfers and between-contract vacations.

ACTION: Ops and Personnel SUSPENSE: 18 November

Other things being equal, Mr. Bissell said he leaned toward a [redacted] operation commencing in mid-January. Once we have reached a decision on when we wish to undertake this operation, such decision

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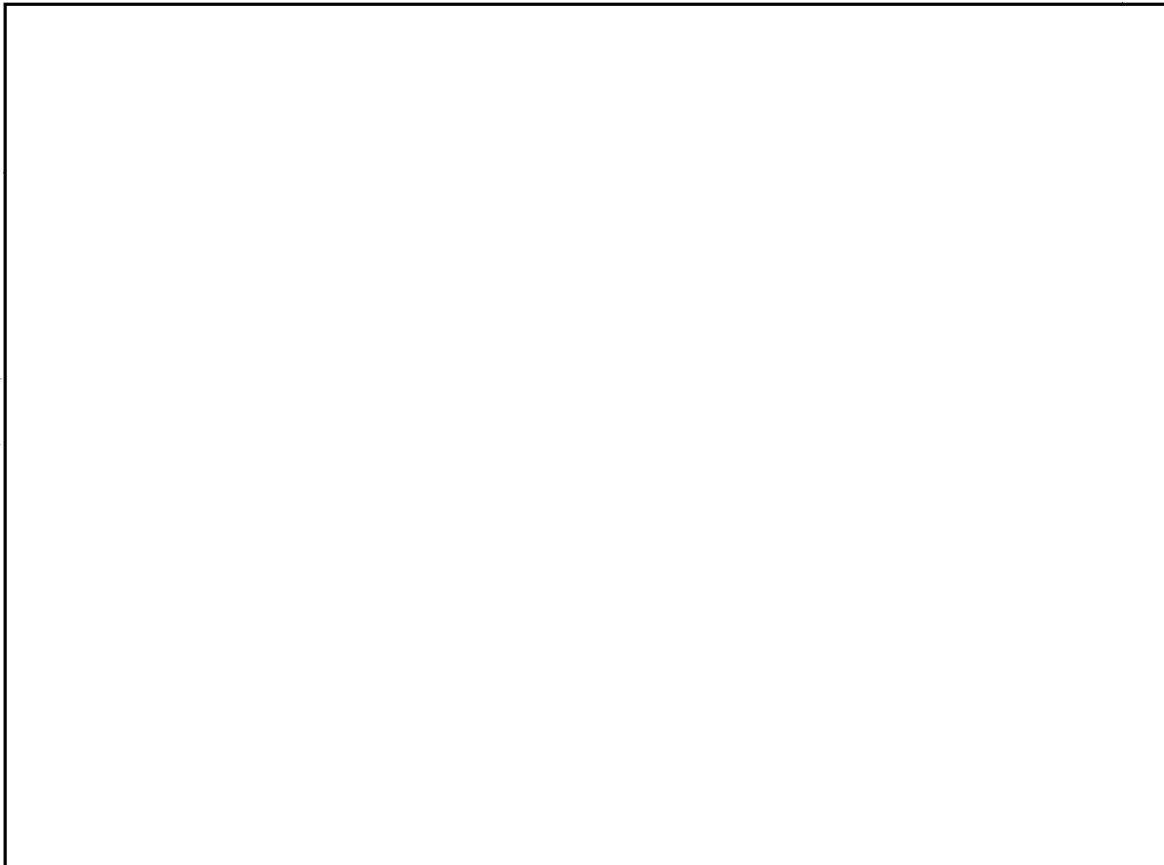
25X1 should be communicated [redacted] along with a proposal as to how
25X1 [redacted] This message is to be prepared by Mr.
Cunningham.

ACTION: Mr. Cunningham

25X1 3. Zoom Climb Tests - A detailed cable discussing various aspects
25X1 of the proposed zoom climb tests was received from [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] Among other suggestions, [redacted]
requested that a Headquarters officer be present at Del Rio during
the tests. [redacted] said that [redacted] would probably
be assigned to this test.

25X1 4. [redacted] Test Schedule - Items of interest in the weekly review
25X1 of the [redacted] test schedule were as follows:

25X1 a. Dual oxygen system - [redacted] said that he would
25X1 follow up with [redacted] proposal concerning
25X1 a dual oxygen system. It was noted that [redacted] was
[redacted] at the time of this staff meeting.



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6. [] and Headquarters Staff Directives - Col. Burke announced that the proposed [] directive was being circulated for staff comment and that the staff directive was pending.

ACTION: Mr. Cunningham

8. Distribution of DMR's - At the request of SAC, arrangements have been made to give SAC immediate distribution of DMR's on CHALICE missions.

✓ 9. Follow-on Vehicle - At the final meeting of the Scientific Advisory Panel, held at Cambridge on 12 November, a technical decision was reached on the most desirable approach to a successor vehicle. However, such other factors as comparative costs, difficulty of support, and operational considerations must be evaluated before a recommendation, if any, may be made to approving authorities.

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WILLIAM BURKE
Colonel USAF
Deputy Director, DPS/DCI

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- 2 - Dep Dir DPS/DCI
- 3 - Mr. Reber PS/DCI
- 4 - D & P DPS/DCI
- 5 - Admin DPS/DCI
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